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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	:	
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ECKHARD ALT	:	
	:	Group Art Unit 3731
Serial No. 10/738,913	:	
	:	Examiner: TBD
Filed: 12/16/2003	:	

Title: STENT FOR BIFURCATED VESSELS

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As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

**Type of Declaration**

This declaration is made in an original application for utility patent.

**Inventorship and Specification Identification**

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention set forth above, the specification of which was filed in the Patent and Trademark Office on the date and designated by the serial number set forth above.

**Acknowledgment of Review of Papers and Duty of Candor**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims thereof.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, section 1.56(a).

**Priority Claim**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35 U.S.C. § 120 of co-pending U.S. application Serial No.

10/232,774, filed 08/31/2002, of which this application is a continuation-in-part (CIP), which is a CIP of US 6,478,815, issued November 12, 2002 and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37 CFR § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the filing date of this application.

### Power of Attorney

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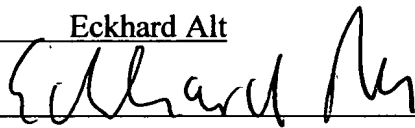
### Declaration

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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